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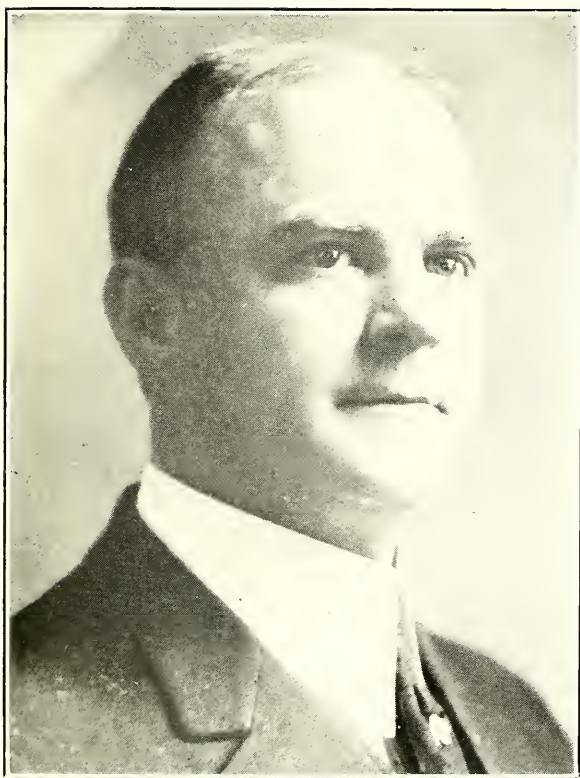
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(AUTHORIZED VERSION)

To  
DR. JOHN N. JOHNSON  
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DR. JOHN N. JOHNSON

## HIGH SPOTS ON THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, the metropolis of the great northwest was the host to the American Dental Association during the latter part of August. The climate was ideal, which no doubt helped very materially in boosting the attendance. Nearly ten thousand dentists were gathered in Minneapolis representing every State in the Union and several foreign countries.

It was my good fortune to have been one of these, together with Dr. E. B. Howle and Dr. C. C. Poindexter. There may have been others from this State but we did not run across them. It is to be regretted that the North Carolina Dental Society, with something like five hundred members, did not have more than three men out of this number.

Despite the fact that our representation was small at the meeting, we found that the several dental movements on foot and under way in North Carolina had created a great deal of interest in other sections of the country, particularly the post-graduate extension course as sponsored by the University of North Carolina during the past summer. So many were eager to learn something of this course and how it had been conducted.

When told of the plan, how it was handled, what a wonderful attendance record was made and how successful it had proven so far, all were amazed. They all said that this has started a most wonderful and progressive move which will very materially better dentistry, render a better service to humanity and raise the standard of the profession in the eyes of all people. To hear the many favorable comments regarding our progressiveness in dentistry and health service, made us feel very proud of the fact that we had come from the "land of the long leaf pine."

The convention was housed in the magnificent new Municipal Auditorium with ample room for all of the lecture halls and exhibits. The lecture halls were all on the same floor and were very large, but still they were filled during each lecture. The commercial exhibit hall occupied another floor with one hundred and forty-four exhibitors.

On Monday our time was occupied in registering, attending the House of Delegates, visiting the Dental Health and Scientific exhibits and the commercial and manufacturers exhibits.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning were fully occupied by scientific papers and lectures. Wednesday evening at a general session we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, who spoke on "The Interdependence of Medicine and Dentistry."



Thursday afternoon and all day Friday was taken up by clinics. The total number of clinicians were five hundred and twelve and I think every conceivable operative and prosthetic method, procedure and technique was demonstrated. Many of them were chair clinics, which were well arranged so that one could see clearly what the operator was doing in the mouth. In this connection it may be of interest to know that my good friend Gene Howle seemed to be especially interested in these clinics. I hardly know why this should have been because there were many other clinics equally as instructive and attractive. Perhaps the attractive assistants who stood by the operators may have been responsible for this deep interest.

We saw many new and improved methods. One which I recall was a complete machine for investing a wax pattern, eliminating the wax pattern, heating up the mould and finally making the gold casting. It is said that the clinics presented at this meeting excelled those of previous meetings.

The entertainment committee did themselves proud by providing not only entertainment for the members but for the ladies as well. Automobiles were furnished and they were shown about town and around the beautiful lake drives. Luncheon was served at a fashionable club and we were told that fifteen hundred ladies were there. The officers and members of the House of Delegates also enjoyed a luncheon at the Radisson hotel Monday. Another was given to the Past Presidents. On Monday night we were entertained at a dance given at the Marigold Gardens. The midnight theatre party was given Tuesday night at the Minnesota Theatre. This was a wonderfully gotten up entertainment and the house was packed. Tickets for all these things were furnished by the entertainment committee. The Presidents' Ball was given at the Radisson hotel on Thursday night and in connection with this a very attractive buffet supper was served.

Space will not permit my going into detail regarding scientific knowledge gained at the convention.

Our trip was even more pleasant by having with us Mr. Malcolm Little of the University of North Carolina who like myself was fond of Chinese food, although Bennie and Casey may have been partly responsible for the latter.

Dr. Boyd Bogle was elected President-Elect and our good friend Dr. Percy Howe was installed as President. The Association voted to hold its next meeting in Washington, D. C., and it is to be hoped that the entire membership of the North Carolina Dental Society will be there.

JOHN A. MCCLUNG.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

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The officers of each District urge the members to attend the annual meeting of their respective District.

Nothing succeeds like success—and each District is counting on a 100% attendance to make their meeting a success.

Listed here are the dates. Make your plans now.

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DENNIS KEEL, *Editor*

### WHAT GLORY PROGRESS

The North Carolina Dental Society was organized in 1875—by a group of men, that even then saw the light as to what could be accomplished in Dentistry. And yet, were any of the few men left of that group asked, if they had ever hoped to see the progress made in Dentistry as it is today, I am sure each would answer that our success had exceeded even their fondest expectations. But we are not satisfied, we cannot afford to be, we have been taught all our lives to be restless, our forebears were dissatisfied, thus the reason we enjoy the modern conveniences in life today, so we go striving on, working, hoping, and giving our best for the sake of Progress, and we are getting results! Think to what extent the North Carolina Dental Society has progressed in the past ten years. We have not only grown as a State Organization that is gaining for itself a universal reputation, but look what our district societies are doing. Formed into five component societies in 1921 they have grown by leaps and bounds. Each individual has had some part to play in building, and in putting us where we are today. We are interested. We all feel that a little effort on the part of each member, when combined shows a



great result. We have reached the point where the best clinicians in the country are proud to be invited to clinic before us—the exhibitors are anxious for space at our meetings, our annual meetings are discussed, and plans made for attending from one meeting to another. We have had larger attendance than ever before, and the applications for new membership into our Society, proves the old saying, "That you can't keep a good man down." Neither can you keep a good dentist that insists on rating first class with his fellow practitioners out of the North Carolina Dental Society. But the need is mutual, and only by working together can we continue to Progress.

I would like to call particular attention to the Extension Course put on by the Northwestern University. I am sure that every member who was privileged to attend this series of lectures, by some of the most abled men in the country, have been greatly benefited, and is better equipped for dentistry as a result. Those of you who were unable to take this course this year, I hope will avail yourself of the opportunity next year and start now to making your plans in that direction. Remember, we are none of us so far advanced that we cannot store away a little more knowledge that will serve us well in due time, and it is a day wasted when we let opportunities for advancing ourselves along to higher things, pass us by. We can no more afford to stand where we are in our knowledge, than we could afford to extract a perfectly sound looking tooth, without first X-raying it, or to go back to hand engines as were used by the founders of this State Society in 1875. As a whole, we are proud to be within the borders of the old North State, we are proud to be members of so grand an organization, and we are as proud of the Progress we have made in the past fifty years, as our successors will be of their Progress in the next fifty, but like a snowball GATHERS SNOW we must keep gathering knowledge, if we are ever to grow. BUT THE GLORY TO BE A STOCK HOLDER IN THE WORLD OF PROGRESS.

Not what we have, but what we use;  
Not what we see, but what we choose—  
These are the things that mar or bless  
The sum of human happiness.

## ANOTHER YEAR

*The moving finger writes; and, having writ,  
Moves on: nor all your piety nor wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.*

OMAR KAHYYAM.

Another year has passed. The Charlotte Meeting has taken its place in the realm of History. That it was a pronounced success is the consensus of opinion of all who attended. It is regretful that every member could not have been present.

The registration was greater by more than a hundred than at any previous meeting; splendid entertainment was enjoyed by all; the clinics were clever; the papers, unexcelled. The personnel of our lectures is quite sufficient evidence of the excellence of our scientific program—Midgley, Seccombe, Crane, Hoffer, McDonald, Crowell, Laughinghouse—all of whose papers along with the discussions of same will appear in the Proceedings which will be edited at an early date.

In reviewing the activities of the past year it is obviously impossible to cover the whole field. However, certain things stand out as worthy of special attention.

## NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The adoption of a new Constitution and By-Laws, under which the various District Societies will be governed with greater uniformity and in closed harmony and cooperation with the Parent Society is distinctly progressive. Formerly, various District Secretaries, in spite of the fact that our Constitution and By-Laws were very explicit, became lax enough to allow members to pay district dues and attend district meetings without paying dues to the North Carolina Dental Society. In some districts there were only a few; in others more; in one district half of the members were not paying State dues. The viciousness of this condition is at once apparent for two separate reasons: first—men who were not paying State dues and, therefore, not members of the State Society were electing delegates who transact all the business of our Society; second—each year a greater and greater number of members began to pay only District Dues. Is it difficult to see that this meant a gradual dissolution of the North Carolina Dental Society into five unassociated Districts?

Under the present laws when one becomes a member of a district, he automatically becomes a member of the State Society as well as the American Dental Association. He cannot pay part of his dues without paying all and no District can be represented in the House of Delegates until an examination

of the books of that District reveals the fact that the above provision has been observed.

The new Constitution and By-Laws will appear in the Proceedings. It is most desirable that every member should acquaint himself with it's provisions; it is urgently necessary that District officers, especially secretaries, do so.

### A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF BALLOTING

The change in our form of Ballot was outstandingly a success. It will be remembered that our election of officers at Greensboro was taken up at eight o'clock and could not have been completed before one o'clock A. M., but for suspension of the rules. As it was, the election was completed at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock. This year under our new system, by the aid of balloting machines, the election of officers was completed in less than forty minutes, the two ballots which were necessary occupying approximately eight minutes each, one whole evening being saved for more important matters.

Another outstanding feature of our Meeting was the creation of a Relief Fund. You will remember that a part of the four dollars which you pay into the American Dental Association goes to the National Relief Fund. This fund has grown until now it amounts to nearly two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars, a part of which is available for dentists in distress. You will also recall that help may be obtained from this source only provided the State Society of which the applicant is a member provides an equal amount. Previous to our recent action, had one of our members been so unfortunate as to require aid, no funds would have been available. On motion, a resolution was passed setting aside annually a sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars which will be placed in the hands of a Committee of Trustees, which Committee has been appointed and consists of J. M. Fleming, F. L. Hunt, and J. S. Betts.

### THE TRAINING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At our Richmond Meeting, the report of the Oral Hygiene Committee which attracted most favorable comment at the time, carried the suggestion that Oral Hygiene be taught in the Teacher Training Schools of the State. Dr. E. J. Tucker thought so much of the suggestion that, one year later at Greensboro, he secured the passage of a motion to create a committee to confer with the State Board of Health in an effort to establish a course in Oral Hygiene in these schools. This Committee, consisting of E. J. Tucker, I. R. Self, P. E. Horton, E. H. Broughton, J. N. Johnson, was appointed and im-

mediately established a contract with Dr. Laughinghouse with the result that the full cooperation of the State Board of Health was immediately assured to the extent that a lecturer would be furnished at the expense of the Board—provided, the schools considered the idea feasible. The proposition was subsequently submitted to the schools and received with most gratifying interest and enthusiasm by all, but especially by the Eastern Teacher Training School, North Carolina College for Women and the University of North Carolina Summer School. But there was a fly in the ointment. The destination was plain, the engine was ready to go, but fuel was lacking. It had been hoped that a new man could be employed as an addition to the then existing dental division of the Board of Health, whose duty it would be to lecture not only to the Training Schools, but to every civic and educational organization in the State. However, the budget of the Board of Health had been cut; funds were not available. A resolution was passed by the North Carolina Dental Society requesting the Secretary of the State Board of Health to instruct the Director of Dental Clinics to do this work.

Dr. Laughinghouse had attended several of the District Meetings and we had the pleasure of having both him and Dr. Crowell, President of the State Board of Health at our Meeting at Charlotte. In all of these meetings these men were loud in their praise of the activities of the Dental Society and in every instance gave assurance of hearty cooperation.

The Board of Health realizes the importance of the work which we are doing. They are behind us 100% in their sympathy and are ready to aid us in the carrying out of our program to the full extent of their financial ability.

It will, I am sure, be a source of regret to the many friends of Dr. J. C. Johnson to learn that he has resigned. Dr. Johnson has directed the dental activities of the State Board of Health since their inception at the instigation of Dr. Cooper on July 10, 1918. He has served well and has made a host of friends throughout the State. .

We trust that the proper man may be selected to fill this important vacancy. For some time, the institution of a separate department to which all activities pertaining to dentistry should be referred has seemed expedient. In this opinion, the Secretary of the Board fully concurs. The new incumbent will not be Director of Dental Clinics, but Head of the Bureau of Dental Hygiene or some more suitable name. The name amounts to little; the Dental Bureau amounts to much. The man who heads that Bureau will have a big job and we want a big man for it. The work of our Dental Bureau is just as important as that of any other department of the State Board

of Health. We want an equal chance—an opportunity to put our department on the same high plane as the medical departments of the State Board of Health, and when we do, we want the same recognition.

## ORAL HYGIENE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During the year, word came to the Training School Committee that the North Carolina Text-Book Commission would soon hold its final meeting and that it was possible that a reader on Oral Hygiene might be adopted. The Committee having ascertained by wire that 100% of the dentists and a very large majority of the County Superintendents of public schools favored the suggestion, requested an audience of the Commission and was very graciously received, but informed that the Commission could not, under the law, consider the question of readers at that time, but they did give assurance that they would recommend a Health book treating as fully as possible of Oral Hygiene. Three books were recommended from which the State Board of Education selected The Hobbs-Merrill Series, (books, one and two) by Emerson and Betts, which although not as fully as we might desire, give a fair consideration to Oral Hygiene. In addition, the Commission obligated themselves to introduce a book on Oral Hygiene as a supplementary reader in the fourth grade next year, at which time the question of readers will be considered.

## A NEW LAW

When the proposal to conduct a course in Oral Hygiene in the Teacher Training Schools at the expense of the Board of Health was submitted to the authorities at the University where it was hoped that such a course might be established in the Summer School, the idea was well received, Dr. N. W. Walker readily agreeing to set aside such time for it as would render it available for the greatest possible number of students. During the discussion Dr. Manning, who was present asked this question, "Will there be clinics to supplement the course?" "If not, you will never be able to put it across to its full advantage." The truth of this statement was so manifest that it led to a recommendation in the President's Address that a law suitable to the North Carolina Dental Society be drafted and presented to the next Legislature permitting Oral Hygienists to practice in the public schools in conjunction with the teaching of Oral Hygiene. The matter was deemed of sufficient interest that the House of Delegates referred it to a full meeting of the Society where it was exhaustingly discussed and finally the committee's favorable report was adopted by the Society as a whole



and the Legislative Committee directed to draft such a law. The work is now under way.

In the meantime an insidious insinuation is being circulated, by some who were so violently opposed to having Hygienists in dental offices, that this law is merely an opening wedge to the ultimate licensing of Hygienists to do general practice. This is entirely unjust and entirely untrue. There really never has been an idea of having Hygienists per se operate in the schools, but rather to develop Health teachers who having taken the proper training may practice in conjunction with their teaching.

A full comprehension of the paramount value of Health Teaching is just beginning to take definite shape in the minds of our Boards of Education. The time is not far distant when no pupil in the public schools will be advanced to a higher grade until all physical defects have been remedied. When that time comes, what are we going to do about the teeth. Who is going to make the dental examinations and report the conditions found? Can the nurses employed by the Board of Health do it? No. You know they can't. Can the teachers themselves do it? No. You know they can't. Can the local dentists do it? Yes. You know they can, but you also know damn well they will not. A sporadic enthusiasm will urge them to attempt it, but the attempt in the future, just as in the past, will die almost with its inception. There is only one way to get a job done well and that is to turn it over to someone capable of doing it, pay them adequately for their service and then demand the service. The school teacher who has specialized in Health generally and particularly in Oral conditions is the only one available who could put this work on its proper basis. Such a teacher would not be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health, but of the Board of Education. Under this arrangement the mouths of all pupils would be examined and charted. The parents would then be notified and appraised of the fact that all defects must be remedied before the child could advance to a higher grade. To be sure, some would not be financially able to do so. These cases should then be taken care of by the State Board and the County Boards of Health. Nothing that is given away is ever appreciated to its full extent. It is an error to give free service to children whose parents are fully able to pay for same, while other children who are really needy have to go without. With all the facilities of our Boards of Health hardly would we be able to take care of the indigent were all our efforts confined to them alone.

Let us not drag along at the end of the procession. Why not be at the head, so that when the Boards of Education fi-



nally perceive what has for so long already been apparent to us, we shall have already provided the means of consummating our undertakings.

Be it remembered that the law, after it has been drafted, will be referred to the Attorney General to be sure that it will not be undesirable and, after that, it must be submitted to a call meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society.

## THE EXTENSION COURSE IN DENTISTRY

Last summer it was proposed by Mr. Malcolm G. Little that a Post Graduate Course in Dentistry be put on by the Extension Teaching Department of the University of North Carolina in conjunction with the North Carolina Dental Society. From the first, the idea seemed excellent, but for some totally inconceivable reason there appeared, if not hostility, certainly a manifest lack of endorsement on the part of some of our members. The plan, however, was laid before the district meetings and unanimously endorsed. The completed program was announced at the Charlotte Meeting and a poll of the membership at once disclosed the fact that the project would be a financial success.

The ten-week course, which consisted of lectures alone, was finally begun on June 3rd, all of the lecturers being members of the faculty of North Western University, that school having been selected by the Committee working with Mr. Little because of their very great experience in post graduate instruction. The lectures were of intense interest and the spirit of conservatism which pervaded the whole soon manifested itself in a feeling among the classes that here was not the ranting of over-night enthusiasts, but the logic of sound though and mature judgment.

Whereas, less than thirty men of the North Carolina Dental Society attended the clinics at Richmond, Atlanta and Asheville last year, the enrollment for our course was one hundred, forty and the average attendance was 95%. Bear in mind that no center was established in the First District. Presuming that no one would drive over thirty or forty miles to attend, it was estimated that only three hundred, fifty men were available—one hundred, forty came. It was at once evident that the course had interested men not attracted by the previously established clinics. The course has been a success; the idea is sound. Too much praise cannot be given Malcolm G. Little for his foresight in conceiving the idea and Arthur D. Black for his unselfish, wholehearted cooperation, who together have carried to its fullest consummation an idea which means so much to the dental profession and to the people of our State.

A second ten-week course will be started in January. Several changes, the result of observation and experience, appear desirable.

- (a) The lectures will be held monthly instead of weekly, continuing throughout the year, with the exception of, probably, July and August.
- (b) In addition to the evening lectures, there will be at least two afternoon clinics which will be given to smaller groups, it being felt that the dentists would not mind giving up an afternoon once a month.
- (c) We shall probably have a get-together dinner which would bring us into closer contact and at which we might hear a discussion of some topic not related to dentistry.
- (d) In addition to the course of afternoon clinics and evening lectures, each lecturer will be prepared to give at some central point an intensive clinic covering a week or ten days to groups of six who desire to go into minute technique. To all who desire to take such extra courses, credit will be allowed toward a Masters Degree, to acquire which would necessitate at least one semester of resident work.
- (e) The following subjects are under consideration for the ensuing year:

#### OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

Gold Inlay Technic.  
Gold Foil and Amalgam Filling Technic.  
Pulp Treatment.  
Children's Dentistry.  
Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

#### GENERAL TOPICS

Studies in Dental Pathology.  
Practice Management.

#### ORAL SURGERY

Novocain. Anesthesia. Extractions.  
Surgical Treatment of Pyorrhea.  
Minor Oral Surgery.

#### PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY

Porcelain Jacket Crowns.  
Bridgework and Partial Dentures.  
Dental Impressions, Modeling Compound Technic.  
Anatomic Articulation following Hanan Technic.  
Orthodontia.

The Post Graduate Course is a success; it is big; it is attracting attention of other States. Let's fall in line and make it bigger.

Another year has passed and though we have accomplished much, let us not stand too much on our laurels for another year will pass and much remains undone.

Our profession needs all the best that's in us. While we can, let us give—WHILE WE CAN.

E. B. HOWLE,  
Raleigh, N. C.

for

*Whether at Naishapur or Babylon,  
Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run,  
The wine of life keeps oozing drop by drop,  
The leaves of life keep falling one by one.*

KHAYYAM.



Now I get me up to work,  
I pray the Lord I shall not shirk.  
If I should die before tonight,  
I pray the Lord my work's alright.

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The American Public Health Association is a national organization which should enlist the interest of every individual who is in any way connected with the problem of conserving the health of the people. Every dentist, therefore, should know something about it, and should join it if at all possible. The dues to the individual are five dollars a year, and for this, in addition to the privilege of attending and taking part in the meetings, he gets the monthly journal containing the papers read before the annual sessions as well as interesting articles on health topics.

The association takes in health workers of all kinds, and has various sections, such as those on health officers, child hygiene, public health nursing, food and drugs, sanitary engineering, and public health education. The Child Hygiene Section makes an appeal not only to the physician, but also to the dentist, dental hygienist, nutritionist, mental hygienist and the teacher.

A president is elected annually, the present incumbent being Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, formerly commissioner of health of the City of Chicago. There is an executive secretary, who is the permanent executive officer of the organization, and an executive committee and a governing council, made up of the officers and chairmen of the various sections, and a certain number of elective members. Practically all important business comes before the governing council, the executive committee acting in an ad interim capacity between the annual meetings. There are also various standing committees and section committees.

In recent years, there has been a very encouraging disposition on the part of dentists, and particularly those prominent in the American Dental Association, to take an active interest in matters of public health, and this tendency should be encouraged in every respect. Not till dentistry is linked up in a concrete way with other health and educational agencies shall our profession function to its fullest possibilities, or shall we be known as a calling of any breadth.

An added incentive for dentists to join the American Public Health Association is a recent movement on the part of this body to inaugurate a nation-wide survey of community dental service. Action was taken at the last meeting of the association in Cincinnati to organize such a survey, and at the meeting of the American Dental Association in Detroit, a resolution to co-operate in this survey was passed. Plans are now under way, headed by Mr. Michael M. Davis of the American

Public Health Association, to consummate this project. When an organization of this scope interests itself in a matter so strictly dental as this, it is indicative of the significance of dental service as it appeals to the public mind, and we as a profession must rise to our opportunities and assist in every way possible.

This one movement of the American Public Health Association should be sufficient to enlist the active interest of the dental profession, at least to the extent of taking out memberships by individual dentists all over the country. Ample return for the five dollar annual membership fee will be realized in the contents of the official organ, which appears monthly, even if the member does not attend a meeting. There is no angle of public health service that not at some time discussed in this publication, and every man interested in any way in health matters should have access to it.

At the 57th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association to be held in Chicago, October 15-19, there will be an entire session devoted to dental health education.

The executive offices of the Association are located at 370 Seventh Avenue, New York, where dentists may write for any information that they may desire.

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The foundation of abiding happiness is one's chosen  
life work.

NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS.

## RESOLVE

To create happiness in myself and others.

I will keep a strong body for the work I have to do; a loving heart for those about me; a clear mind for all truth, whose recognition brings freedom; a poised unconquerable soul for the ideal whose champion I declare myself.

And I will possess a faith mighty enough to rout anxiety, ride over difficulty, challenge hardship, smile through grief, deny failure, see only victory, looking to the end; by which hopeful assurance now attuned I am at peace with myself, the world, and the Infinite.